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DECISION NOTICE FOR: Elk Creek EA

May 24, 2002

TO: Environmental Quality Council
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Wayne Hirst, Montana State Parks Foundation
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Bob Harrington, DNRC Area Manager, Southern Land Office
County Commissioners
Other Local Interested People or Groups

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Description of the Proposed Action

Replacing a temporary culvert (and loose fill) crossing Elk Creek, a tributary to the East Boulder River, with a full-span bridge using 20 ft stringers provided by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). The project site is at T3S, R13E, S14, SW ¼.

Public Process and Comment

No public comment was solicited, because no significant impacts were anticipated. The FWP Legal Unit reviewed the draft EA.

Decision

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the work identified. By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA without any modifications or additions. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Harvey Nyberg, Region 5 Supervisor, or Jim Darling, Region 5 Regional Fisheries Manager.

Sincerely,

Harvey E. Nyberg
Regional Supervisor